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PRESIDENT SENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO REAGAN, ORTEGA

PY080155 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 2258 GMT 7 Nov 84

[Text] Buenos Aires, 7 Nov (TELAM) -- President Raul Alfonsin today sent two messages to the elected presidents of the United States and Nicaragua, Ronald Reagan and Daniel Ortega, respectively, congratulating them for their respective electoral victories and emphasizing the Argentine Government's desires to strengthen bilateral relations. The text of the messages are:

Message to Reagan:

"Mister President, in the name of the Argentine Government and people I would like to convey my sincere comgratulations for your reelection in a brilliant electoral victory. On this occasion I especially recall the points we agreed upon during our recent meeting, particularly those related to the consolidation of democracy in the continent as the only means to promote peace and appropriately carry out the development of our people. In this regard I would like to reiterate my government's dispostion to strengthen our bilateral relations at all levels. I am convinced that only through responsible and permanent dialogue can nations achieve mutually fruitful objectives. Mister President, we will certainly have during your new term in office an opportunity to consider these issues and explore together new ways of cooperation and understanding.

"Very cordially yours, Raul Alfonsin."

Message to Ortega:

"Commander: In the name of the Argentine Government and people I am pleased to convey cordial congratulations for your victory in the 4 November elections, as we are convinced that democracy is the only way for our people to fully achieve the state of law, public liberty, and social justice. Upon wishing you the greatest successes in your future task it is a pleasure to reiterate the Argentine Government's desires to continue the positive relations between our two countries in all areas of common interest aimed at insuring the development of the democratic system, the effective protection of human rights, and the economic progress of Latin America.

"Raul Alfonsin."

ALFONSIN, SWEDISH OFFICIAL TO DISCUSS DISARMAMENT

PY072135 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 2000 GMT 7 Nov 84

[Text] Buenos Aires, 7 Nov (TELAM) -- Swedish Foreign Relations Secretary Pierre Schori has said during a press conference held at the residence of the Swedish ambassador that regarding the Hagelin case he had arrived full of questions and that he is leaving full of answers. Most of the press conference was taken up with the disappearance of the young Swedish girl. Schori emphasized that for his country it is a question of trying to clear up the incident in which the young Swedish girl was involved, and that the punishment of Captain Astiz is a matter for the Argentine Government.

Finally, Schori confirmed that tonight he will dine with President Alfonsin at the Olivos residence and he implied that he will talk about nuclear disarmament, because the time has come for countries that do not possess nuclear weapons to say that enough is enough, he said.

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ALFONSIN PRESSES FOR COOPERATION WITH CHILE

PY230216 Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish 0032 GMT 23 Nov 84

[Speech by President Raul Alfonsin at rally held in Rosario in support of Beagle agreement with Chile -- live]

[Excerpts] Friends of Rosario: [shouts and songs chanted] Less than a year ago, the people did not participate in anything, and because the people did not participate, because the people were not heard, we suffered a lengthy process of attacks on human dignity. We also suffered a process of relinquishing our natural resources. And because the people did not participate, Argentina had to go into tremendous debt. There was absolutely no answer to any essential demands for social justice.

We are convinced that peace with Chile involves the possibility of Argentina dedicating all its efforts to solve the most serious problem it is facing: the problem of sovereignty over our Malvinas Islands and against British colonialism. [applause and shouts]

Similarly, there is absolutely no doubt that we will defend our rights in the Antarctic with Chile, also against British pretensions. But in addition to all these advantages, we will have the possibility of integrating ourselves economically with the Republic of Chile. Our economies complement each other, and we can increase considerably our bilateral trade. But we can also take our products through the ports of Chile to the markets of the Southeast Asia, and the Chileans will also be able to take their products to European markets through our ports on the Atlantic. [applause]

Thus, we are going to strengthen an integration that will bring fundamental advantages to our peoples, and we will end the uncertainty of war. We will stop playing the game of those who from the outside are always pretending that the American states will remain separate in Latin America. [applause and shouts]

We must join efforts so that we may all feel the same pain suffered by all Americans who are discriminated against by the North which is increasingly binding us to its strategic ideas in the world of finance, against production and the development of our peoples. [applause]

SHOTS FIRED DURING PRESIDENT'S CORDOBA VISIT

PY222132 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 0041 GMT 22 Nov 84

[Text] Buenos Aires, 21 Nov (NA) -- Tonight sources of the Interior Ministry minimized rumors of an alleged attack that was supposed to have been perpetrated against President Raul Alfonsin during his visit to Cordoba yesterday and denied that the rumors in this regard "had any basis in fact."

Ministry sources stated that "they had no information" on an incident of that nature and pointed out that what did take place were skirmishes between antagonistic groups and that as result some arrests were carried out and some persons were injured.

The incidents were staged by young members of the radical and Peronist parties on the corner of the General Paz and Colon Avenues in Cordoba.

The source noted that the Cordoba police had reported the firing of "one or two shots" more than 100 meters away from the president but that "the firing of a shot does not presuppose an attack against the president."

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